GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE PROCESS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decentralised the process of environmental clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government is considering to reduce the time limit for giving such clearance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRINAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) The Government has brought out a draft revised environment impact assessment notification published in Gazette of India vide S.O. 1324 (E) dated 15th September, 2005. In the said draft notification, State level clearances in respect of select projects below a prescribed threshold limit are proposed.

(c) & (d) Do not arise.